

Amendments to the Drawings:

Figures 2, 3 and 4 have been amended to delete the underlining of reference number 200 and add a lead line with an arrow.

Figure 7 has been amended to delete the underlining of reference number 250 and add a lead line with an arrow.

Figure 13 has been amended as follows:

- (a) deleted the underlining of reference number 300 and added a lead line with an arrow,
- (b) duplicate references to 352a and 352b with lead lines to the center of items 350a and 350b have been deleted,
- (c) a duplicate of reference number 350b with lead line have been deleted, and
- (d) reference numbers 254a and 254b have been corrected to 354a and 354b, respectively.

Figures 15, 16 and 17 have been amended to delete the underlining of reference number 400, 500 and 600, respectively, and add a lead line with an arrow in each case.

Figure 17 has been amended to add the reference characters "562a", "562b" and "562c".

Replacements Sheets containing these figures are provided as attachments to this response.

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2005, reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time from July 20, 2005 to and including October 20, 2005, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) and 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3). The corresponding fee is \$510.00 (for a small entity). A credit card charge authorization for the three-month extension of time accompanies the present response.

Summary:

Claims 15 through 17 and 20-31 are now in the case. Claims 1 through 14, 18 and 19 have been canceled. Claims 15 through 17 and 20 were amended. New Claims 21-31 have been added.

Paragraphs 0037, 0046 and 0048 of the specification have been amended

Figures 2 – 4, 7, 13 and 15-17 have been amended. Replacement sheets therefor accompany this response.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 15, 16 and 17 would be allowable if placed in independent form, including the limitations of the claim(s) it depends from (i.e., base claim and any intervening claims).

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claim 20 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, and placed in independent form, including the limitations of the claim(s) it depends from (i.e., base claim and any intervening claims).

Since the Examiner examined the claims based on the combination of the equipment and the skid with claims 15-17 indicated as allowable upon meeting certain conditions, new Claims 21-29 have been added directed to the combination of the equipment and the skid of one of Claims 15 -17; and Claims 15-17 are maintained and clarified as directed to the skid itself. Claim 30 depends from claim 15 and is directed to the embodiment shown in Figure 15. Claim 31 depends from Claim 16 and is directed to the embodiment shown in Figures 16 and 17.

Objections to the Drawings:

A. Figure 1 was objected to since reference character 132 was not mentioned in the specification. Paragraph 0037 has been amended to change "a coupling 114" to "a coupling 132" and a new sentence added thereto identifying 114 as a coupling guard. Support for this amendment is found in Figure 1 itself.

B. Figure 13 was objected to since reference characters 254a and 254b were not mentioned in the specification. Based on Paragraph 0046, it was determined that these should have been reference characters 354a and 354b. Thus, Figure 13 was amended accordingly.

C. The drawings were objected to because the lead line for reference character "200" in Figs 2-4, the lead line for reference character "250" in Fig. 5, the lead line for "300" in Fig. 13, the lead line for "400" in Fig. 16, the lead line for "500" in Fig. 17, and the lead line for "600" in Fig. 18 were incorrect, with correction required. These drawings have been corrected.

D. Figure 13 was objected to because "352b" left and "350b" bottom therein appeared to be referring to the same element. Reference character "352b" left has been deleted.

Figure 13 was also amended deleting "352a" left middle and "350b" middle. These were already identified therein.

E. The drawings were objected to since they did not include the following reference characters mentioned in the description: "354a", "354b", "562a", "562b" and "562c".

As noted in part B above, Figure 13 has been amended to show characters "354a" and "354b".

Figure 17 has been amended to add the reference characters "562a", "562b" and "562c" based on the disclosure in paragraph 0048 of the specification.

Objections to the Specification:

The specification was objected to and the following corrections were required and have been made:

A. Paragraph 0046 has been amended to change "262c" to -- 362c --.

B. Paragraph 0048 has been amended to change "51b" to -- 512b --; to change "514bt" to -- 512b to --; and to change "512brelative" to -- 512b relative --.

Objections to the Claims:

These objections are rendered moot since Claims 2 and 19 have been canceled. However, the substance of these objections have been addressed as suggested by the Examiner in amended claims 15-17 ("piece" changed to --pieces --) and 20 (inserting --the steps of--).

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18 and 19 have been canceled rendering their rejection moot.

However, Claim 20 depends from Claim 19 and has been placed in independent form and was amended to remove the positive recitation of dealing with the equipment mounted on the skid. Though not expressed, it appears the issue the Examiner had with Claim 20 is the same as that regarding Claim 18. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 as amended under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph and is sufficiently definite to satisfy the statute.

Claim 16 has been amended to delete the word "second" from the phrase "second pair of cross members", which addresses the issue raised with respect to Claim 4.

Rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103:

Since Claims 1-14 and 18 and 19 have been canceled, the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103 have been rendered moot.


Conclusion:

As a result of presentation of this request for reconsideration, an additional fee for excess independent claims is due. Initially there were 20 total claims with 3 independent claims. After the amendment, there are 15 total claims and 4 independent claims. The fee for one excess independent claim is \$100 for a small entity, which is included with the credit card authorization accompanying this response.

On the basis of the foregoing reasons, reconsideration of this application and its early allowance are respectfully requested. If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact such attorney at the number noted below.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Attached:

Replacement sheets of drawings for Figures 2, 3, 4, 7, 13, 15, 16, and 17.